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APPLICANT: Y. Chikama, et al.

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FOR: METHOD FOR FABRICATING METAL WIRINGS

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The following is in response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, in the above referenced application.

REMARKS

Claims 1- 14 are pending in the subject application. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is not indefinite. The term "low-resistance metal film" is clearly defined by the specification. See, for example, page 6, line 24 to page 7, line 6. As provided by the

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